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From the DIRECTOR

In the last issue of the Journal of the Fortean Research Center I reported on the mysterious late night phone call that "Bonnie", a UFO abductee from the Lincoln, Nebraska area, had received from someone calling himself "Bob Collins". I received a phone call from Bill Moore, noted author and current researcher of the MJ-12 material, right after we went to print. Bill asked me if "Bonnie" would like to talk with the "Bob Collins" that Bill knew. I spoke with "Bonnie", and she agreed. She was interested to see if there was a voice similarity with the previous caller who had called her late one night ("Bonnie" has an unlisted telephone number) and asked her questions regarding her UFO related experiences. With agreement from all parties Bill and I set up a phone call from a neutral number in Lincoln to a number believed to be a California pay phone. After some difficulty "Bonnie" was able to place a call and speak with Bill Moore's acquaintance, Bob Collins. "Bonnie" reports that the person she spoke with was not the same individual that had called her previously. She told me that her talk with Bob Collins went well, and that Bob Collins has an interest in UFO research in general, and a partial interest in UFO abduction research. She did pass along something interesting that Bob Collins told her. Apparently, Bob Collins believes that the mysterious late night call "Bonnie" received was a message that "They" (read UFO entities here) knew about him, and were familiar with him. The inference from Bob was that a UFO-related entity had called

"Bonnie" and had used his name. As of this printing "Bonnie" has had no further calls. Thanks goes to Bill Moore for his help in putting the "real" Bob Collins and "Bonnie" in contact. So, will the "fake" Bob Collins please come forward?

Also mentioned in our last Journal was the reference to the archived radio interviews that Dale and I have done with many researchers on the weekly radio show "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena" airing in Lincoln, NE. Dale and I frequently call people all over the United States to interview on the air, and we have been organizing the taped interviews into a sort of library. Should you, as a member of our Center, be interested in checking an archived interview out from our library, please send us a stamped, self-addressed envelope and we will send you a listing of interviews and details on shipping, etc. This library of material is restricted to members only, please!

I am attempting to collect my thoughts and pull data together for a future report on the landing(s) of one or more UFO's outside the perimeters of RAF Bentwater and RAF Woodbridge in what is called Rendlesham forest, in Britian in December of 1980. Contrary to a well known British researcher's recent statements that she is not convinced that it was a UFO event, the interviews I took part in with two former servicemen who were direct participants tend to convince me otherwise. With regard to preparing a report for future publication on this alleged case, should anyone in our membership or among our readers have information on the above described landing(s), please contact me. Your sources will remain anonymous and your information shared will be credited to you, if you so desire. I regard this case as being one of the most important modern day UFO-related incidents and worthy

of our collective attention! For a free copy of the document signed by then deputy base commander Charles Halt titled "Unexplained Lights" which the above material refers to, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Center.

The following is a calendar of events for upcoming conferences. I recommend attending one or more if your schedule allows:

June 29, 30 & July 1...10th Rocky Mountain Conference on UFO Investigation, University of Wyoming at Laramie (\$45, Info from Conferences & Institutes, P.O. Box 3972, University Station, Laramie, WY 82071-3972, Info on lodging at 1-800-423-5809).

June 30, July 1 & 2...MUFON International UFO Symposium at the Alladin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada (\$35, send to John Lear, 1414 Hollywood Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89110. Contact the Alladin Hotel for rooms, rates, etc). Additionally, John Lear, Bill Cooper & Don Ecker will be speaking at the Alladin Hotel Sunday, July 2 at 7:30 am on the history of the UFO cover-up and current situation, including presentations by Cooper on U.S. Navy involvement and Ecker speaking on the aspect of human mutilations. The Sunday morning presentation is separate from the MUFON conference...admission is \$5.

July 14-16...Fifth London International UFO Congress, London Business School, Regents Park, London, England.

September 15-17...26th Annual National UFO Conference, Phoenix Arizona.

November 11 & 12...The UFO experience, Ramada Inn, North Haven, Connecticut.

Additionally, mark your calendars for another Fortean Research Center potluck dinner Saturday, July 15th. Contact us for the location and time. This brings to mind that should you have travel plans that take you

through the area, drop us a note and we would like to see you. Our library of books, journals and taped radio shows is growing, and these valuable sources of information are for your interest and usage as a member.

Because we have had many inquire as to how people can assist or help through volunteering their services, here are some ideas for you...

"So you want to volunteer & help":

1) Do archival research at the local library, your local papers' files, and the local historical society. This is really fun...not to mention the wealth of information on the unexplained that exist right under our noses!

2) Write an article based on your research and submit it for consideration for publication in the Journal. You will receive full credit for your work...all articles not used will be returned to you.

3) Write a book review. What is your particular interest? What do you read in the area of unexplained phenomena? Write up a review and submit it for consideration!

4) Clip articles from your local paper and send to us. Many times a local account doesn't make it to the national wire services. Help keep the Fortean Research Center informed!

5) Tell us about someone you feel would make an interesting, articulate guest on "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena", our weekly radio show.

6) Local volunteers can help arrange meetings, assist with the layout of the Journal, and help with cataloging our library. Also should you have interest in field research, sign up for a class to be taught on "interviewing the witness".

These are just a few of the ways you can assist us. We thank you for your financial support and for your other volunteer contributions. With all said I will wrap up this month's

directors message. I'll be in Las Vegas for the MUFON conference, and Dale will be in Laramie. Look us up and say hello!



Special Response to the John Lear Statement

After a great deal of thought I realize that there are a few things that I must say regarding the statements made by John Lear; which appeared in the Fall '88 issue of the Journal of the Fortean Research Center.

I respect Mr. Lear's reputation and admire his straightforwardness concerning the subjects of UFO's, the retrieval of crashed UFO's, abductions of human beings by occupants of said UFO's, and the government's attempts to conceal everything about our extra-terrestrial visitors while they (the government) try to negotiate with the entities for advanced technology. Or whatever it is they want.

It is quite obvious that John Lear has either done very careful and extensive research (evidence of which I would like to see), or he dabbles in speculation on a grand scale.

If even half of what he claims is true then there are many people who have every reason to be scared to death. From those directly involved with MJ-12, to anyone who has ever had even the slightest contact with any of our "visitors."

I've pledged allegiance to our flag and grew up believing that this country that I love and cherish was the safest place to be in the whole world. I was under the impression that we were protected by our government and our military from outside intrusion. How can it be that those we have put our trust in

could betray us by withholding truths which we have a right to know, and by using us as commodities?

Hundreds, maybe thousands of people have reported being taken against their will; manipulated, probed, implanted, and even impregnated for who knows what purpose. Citizens of our country and others have seemingly suffered rashes, burns, incisions, and humiliating and frightening helplessness at the hands (or claws) of sometimes terrifying creatures. And the government we trust has chosen to look the other way while the lives of innocent people are altered by an alien intelligence?

I was taken in the night from the warmth and safety (?) of my home, and pulled upwards by a powerful light into a strange environment. My heart pounded with fear as my own body lay numb and immobilized. I screamed and cried inside, but in fact was unable to make a sound. Their pale smooth hands touched my face and neck, with the express purpose of placing images (symbols) in my mind. Symbols that I would see in my sleep and would haunt my waking hours for months after.

Another occurrence, a few years ago, left me with over thirty hours of "missing time"; time which still remains unaccounted for. These "visitors" have in reality caused me both physical and psychological difficulty. I did not invite them into my life, nor did I agree to participate in their monitoring of humanity. They took me. I have asked and pleaded to be left alone. They have made it known through thought and action that they are not finished with me yet, and that they have a "right" to do what they have to.

Although I haven't sustained any permanent physical damage, I cannot call these beings "benevolent space brothers." When I am cooperative they are benign. They have said that they will not hurt me, and that they do not

kill. Perhaps they are a moral species who knows nothing of our government's dealings. I pray that this be true.

The fact that they do exist and can manipulate us however they want is so unthinkable and unacceptable to the vast majority and even the scientific community; they must think of this as fantasy, or mass hallucination or delusion. Perhaps, if the cover-up is as extensive as John Lear has implied, the government probably encourages that way of thinking.

How much longer will they be able to fool "most of the people"? I know that I'm not crazy; but what is happening is crazy. I have a lot of questions; where do I go for the answers?

One last question for MJ-12 and the National Security Council-am I on the list?

B.
Lincoln, NE



A Most Wonderful Visitor
by Scott H. Colborn

BENKELMAN, NEBRASKA, JUNE, 1884

There have been many reports worldwide of UFO sightings over the years. Fewer reports are available regarding alleged UFO crashes. Leonard Stringfield has done most of the research work regarding modern-day UFO crashes, and has my respect and thanks for his efforts! The following reports offer a historical view for our consideration and examination, as what you are about to read was originally printed in the Daily State Journal at Lincoln, in 1884! I recently spent an enjoyable morning at the Nebraska State Historical Society in Lincoln, Nebraska, researching this highly strange story. Without further comment, let's begin this story of an alleged UFO crash, with this brief announcement found on page #3 of the Daily State Journal at Lincoln, June 8th, 1884:

"A story is told in our dispatches this morning of the fall of a most wonderful visitor, apparently from some other planet, on the prairie near Benkelman, in Dundy county, this state. It appears incredible, but we have no hesitancy in vouching for the intelligence of the writer, who is a man that generally knows what he is talking about. The details are given with a fullness and particularity that almost command belief. Unless the alleged facts are greatly magnified or distorted, this unusual object of wonder must be an air vessel belonging originally to some other planet which sailed too far from its orb and after wandering in space has at last been caught by the attraction of the earth and drawn to it. Further investigations will be hastily pursued and awaited with the liveliest interest."

We then turn to page #5 of the same paper and date, and find the

following:

"A CELESTIAL VISITOR...A

Startling and Curious Story from the Ranges of Dundy County. A Blazing Aerolite Falls to the Astounded Earth. It is Evidently a Machine of Human Manufacture. All Particulars that are Yet Learned."

"Benkelman, June 7 - A most remarkable phenomenon occurred about one o'clock yesterday afternoon at a point 35 miles northwest of this place. John W. Ellis, a well known ranchman, was going out to his herd in company with 3 of his herders and several other cowboys engaged in the annual roundup. While riding along a draw they heard a terrific rushing, roaring noise overhead, and looking up, saw what appeared to be a blazing meteor of immense size falling at an angle to the earth. A moment later it struck the ground out of sight over the bank. Scrambling up the steep hill they saw the object bounding along half a mile away and disappear in another draw. Galloping towards it with all their speed, they were astounded to see several fragments of cog-wheels and other pieces of machinery lying on the ground, scattered in the path made by the aerial visitor, glowing with heat so intense as to scorch the grass for a long distance around each fragment and make it impossible for one to approach it. Coming to the edge of the deep ravine into which the strange object had fallen, they undertook to see what it was. But the heat was so great that the air about it was fairly ablaze and it emitted a light so dazzling that the eye could not rest upon it more than a moment. An idea of the heat may be gained from the fact that one of the party, a cowboy named Alf Williamson, stood with his head incautiously exposed over the bank, and in less than half a minute he fell senseless. His face was desperately blistered and his hair singed to a crisp. His condition is said to be dangerous.

The distance from the aerolite, or whatever it is, was nearly 200 feet. The burned man was taken to Mr. Ellis' house, cared for as well as circumstances would allow and a doctor sent for. His brother, who lives in Denver, has just been telegraphed for."

"Finding it impossible to approach the mysterious visitor, the party turned back on its trail. Where it first touched the earth, the ground was sandy and bare of grass. The sand was fused to an unknown depth over a space about 20 feet wide by 80 feet long, and the melted stuff was still bubbling and hissing. Between this and the final resting place there were several other like spots where it had come in contact with the ground, but none so well marked."

"Finding it impossible to do any investigating, Mr. Ellis returned to his house and sent out messengers to neighboring ranches. When night came the light from the wonderful object beamed almost like the sun, and the visitors who went out to see it were entirely powerless to bear the glow."

"This morning another visit was made to the spot. In the party was E. W. Rawlins, brand inspector for this district, who came into Benkelman tonight, and from whom a full verification of particulars is obtained. The smaller portions of the scattered machinery had cooled so that they could be approached, but not handled. One piece that looked like the blade of a propeller screw, of a metal in appearance like brass, about 16 inches wide, 3 inches thick and 3 and 1/2 feet long, was picked up on a spade. It would not weigh more than 5 lbs, but appeared as strong and compact as any known metal. A fragment of a wheel with a milled rim, apparently having had a diameter of 7 or 8 feet, was also picked up. It seemed to be of the same material and had the same remarkable lightness."

"The aerolite, or whatever it is, seems to be about 50 or 60

feet long, cylindrical, and about 10 or 12 feet in diameter. Great excitement exists in the vicinity and the round-up is suspended while the cowboys wait for the wonderful find to cool off so they can examine it."

"Mr. Ellis is here and will take the first train to the land office with the intention of securing the land on which the strange thing lies, so that his claim to it cannot be disputed."

"A party left here for the scene an hour ago, and will travel all night. The country in the vicinity is rather wild and rough, and the roads are hardly more than trails. Will telegraph all particulars as fast as obtained."

A follow-up to the above story appeared in the Daily State Journal published on June 10, 1884:

"The Magical Meteor."

"It Dissolves Like a Drop of Dew Before the Morning Sun."

The Most Mysterious Element of the Strange Phenomenon."

"Special to the State Journal, Benkelman, June 9, 1884":

"Your correspondent has just returned from the spot where the aerial visitor fell last Friday. It is gone, dissolved into air. A tremendous rain storm fell yesterday afternoon, beginning about 2 o'clock. As it approached in regular blizzard style, most of those assembled to watch the mysterious visitor fled to shelter. A dozen or more, among whom was your correspondent, waited to see the effect of the rain upon the glowing mass of metal. The storm came down from the north, on its crest a sheet of flying spray and a torrent of rain. It was impossible to see more than a rod through the driving, blinding mass. It lasted for half an hour, and when it slackened so that the aerolite should have been visible it was no longer there. The draw was running three feet deep in water and supposing it had floated off the strange vessel the party

crossed over at the risk of their lives."

"They were astounded to find that the queer object had melted, dissolved by the water like a spoonful of salt. Scarcely a vestige of it remained. Small, jelly-like pools stood here and there on the ground, but under the eyes of the observers these grew thinner and thinner till they were but muddy water joining the rills that led to the current a few feet away. The air was filled with a faint sweetish smell."

The whole affair is bewildering in the highest degree, and will no doubt forever remain a mystery."

"Alf Williamson, the injured cowboy, left yesterday for Denver, accompanied by his brother. It is feared he will never recover his eyesight, but otherwise he does not appear to be seriously injured."

There has been a continued stream of investigators here for the past two days, among them a number of members of the press. The Denver Tribune representative was among the witnesses to the vanishment of the wonderful visitor. There are a thousand theories afloat as to how it came and what it was, but they are all now unfortunately incapable of solution."

A final mention is found in a column titled "Topics of the Times", in the Journal dated June 11, 1884:

"It is believed the aerial visitor that recently descended from the sky in Dundy county was the democratic candidate for president the bourbons have been looking for. Its dissolution by contact with water would appear to support the theory."

I noted the reference to the Denver Tribune representative in the above account, so I placed a call to the Colorado Historical Society and spoke with Jim Parker at the Colorado History Museum in Denver. Briefing Jim as to the particulars of this story, I engaged his services in an

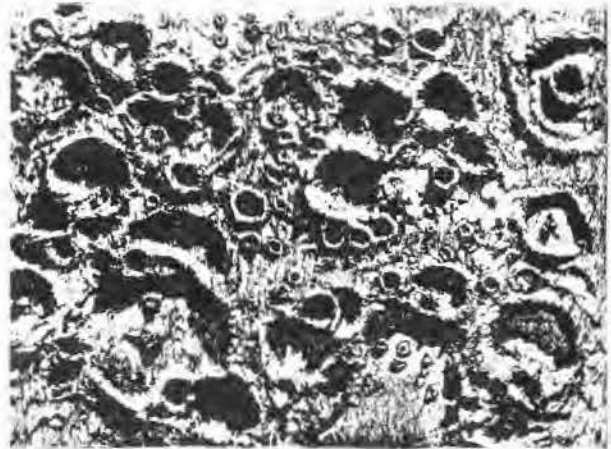
archival search of the Denver Tribune for the month of June, 1884. Jim was to look for a mention of this story and report to the Fortean Research Center. Several days later I received a call from Jim explaining that he had looked at the entire month and not found a mention of the Benkelman incident.

So at this point we are left with the above accounts to draw from and form our conclusions. Was there a UFO crash in the summer of 1884 in Benkelman, Nebraska? Was the incident a manufactured account...an attempt at gauging our gullability? Was the report a play on the political sensibilities of the times, as might be inferred by the last account?

There are precedents of articles that appeared in the late 1800's and early 1900's that were partly based on fact and purposely exaggerated as an audience builder for the paper, so one must exercise caution in judging a report of this nature. It should be noted that in the first account the writer is describing the initial report and says: "The details are given with a fullness and particularity that almost command belief". Note that the "details almost" command us to believe. The particular writing style of the times aside, we are admonished to almost believe, as if the writer is issuing warning as to the possibility that the story just might be contrived. It should also be noted for the record that the writer of this initial piece does preface the above remarks by saying: "It appears incredible, but we have no hesitancy in vouching for the intelligence of the writer, who is a man that generally knows what he is talking about". This should be considered as a defense to the claim that the articles aren't "tom-foolery" and are based in fact, although the writer referred to above "generally knows" as opposed to being thoroughly

trustworthy.

Was there a crash of a UFO in Benkelman, Nebraska in 1884? We will leave the readers of the Journal of the Fortean Research Center with the story at this point unresolved. A friend of mine has relatives living in the Benkelman area and I have asked him to make inquiries for us. Perhaps a member of the Fortean Research Center living in the Denver area could search later Denver Tribunes and report their findings. Should additional information surface in the future as to the veracity or rejection of this account, you'll read about it in this Journal....and we aren't kidding!



Unusual Mars Surface Features

On July 20, 1976 two unmanned spacecraft-Viking Orbiters 1 and 2-were in orbit around the planet Mars. The objectives of these craft were to present the Earth with unprecedented photographs of the surface from an orbital survey.

On the 35th pass, the Orbiter 1 cruised a thousand miles over a barren region called "Cydonia," 41 degrees above Mars' equator in the northern hemisphere. During this pass a photograph (frame 35A72) was taken which has become very famous.

Toby Owen, a member of NASA's Deep Space Network imaging team noticed an oddly-shaped mesa. The mesa had characteristics which made it look like a human face. Those who noticed the unusual feature noted the oddity, but filed the frame along with the hundreds of others the Orbiter had sent to Earth.

During a press conference giving informational updates on the Viking mission, Gary Soffen, the Viking project scientist, displayed the frame to a roomfull of reporters stating, "Isn't it peculiar what tricks of lighting and shadow can do. When we took the picture a few hours later it all went away; it was just a trick, just the way the light fell on it." (Hoagland 1987)

Vincent DiPietro, an electrical engineer with fourteen years experience in digital electronics and image processing, came across the photo of the "face" in a magazine. He had dismissed the magazine article as fictitious at the time, but two and a half years later he saw the photo in the archived material of the National Space Science Data Center at Goddard Spaceflight Center. The idea that NASA had archived the photo as "Head" caused him to look at it more seriously.

DiPietro, along with his friend and colleague Gregory Molenaar—a computer scientist—enlarged the mile-wide facial feature using digital computer techniques. The first images were very gray with poor resolution, but the team continued to develop the best possible means of photo enhancement.

DiPietro and Molenaar developed a technique which they called S.P.I.T., or Starburst Pixel Interleaving Technique. A pixel is the smallest dot in a computer-reconstructed image. This technique sharpened the sawtooth edges and other pixel errors.

In an effort to check the technique for distortion error,

the process was used on known Earth features, such as Dulles Airport in Virginia and the Pentagon building in Washington D.C. The photo details were remarkably clear.

At this point the imaging team went back to the Viking files to see if they could find any more photos of the "face". 35 days after the first Orbiter took frame 35A72, it had taken a second photo (70A13) of the same area. The same curious mesa was visible.

Interestingly enough, frame 70A13 also showed what appears to be a monstrous rectangular pyramid with four sides which go to the surface as sharp angles. This image gives the appearance that the "pyramid" is buttressed, as opposed to naturally formed.

On May 1, 1980 DiPietro and Molenaar broke their discoveries to the world. While initially poor, the interest began to mount. Other scientists and interested parties became involved in the mystery of the Martian land features, including Dr. John Brandenburg—who will be a featured speaker at the 1989 MUFON Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Mr. Harry A. Jordan of Omaha, Nebraska.

The photograph used on the cover of this issue of the journal depicts the "Analog Model of Cydonia" Mr. Jordan and associates constructed in 1987.

A publication of interest to those who wish to learn more about the works of DiPietro and Molenaar is entitled,

Unusual Martian Land Features
4th edition

and is available through Mars Research in Glenn Dale, Maryland.

notes: The Monuments of Mars,
Richard C. Hoagland. North
Atlantic Books, Berkeley,
CA.



The Mars Enigma on Earth
by Harry A. Jordan

While Mars made its closest approach to earth in 17 years certain individuals recently initiated efforts to 'block' some honest scientific knowledge and discoveries from the mind of the public.

This current public naivete' regarding new Mars data is due to 'flawed' reporting by uninformed news "personalities" and lack if well educated and "properly briefed news media" on knowing when, what, and where to ask intelligent questions (for once).

As if their 'cosmetic cosmology' weren't enough we are now subjected to comments from supposedly noted authors, and 'news media' scientists who are offended by "alleged" Monuments on Mars that continue to cry 'fraud.'

I for one, am tired of seeing and hearing about the "Face" on Mars from people who are obviously not qualified to comment on some very real, serious, and timely research. They should not only be considered malicious and detrimental to the education of the public, but fast approaching a line of decorum and respect. Those skeptics are obviously person's when they've lost sight of their own goals appear to re-double their efforts against someone elses.

In October Mr. Isacc Asimov stated on national television that if anyone who believed the "Face" on Mars was anything other than a curious trick of light had to be an "idiot." I lost all respect for his work and he as a person.

In November of 1987 Mr. David Letterman threw Richard Hoaglands book "The Monuments of Mars" into a trash can on national television, and a second time when he had his "parking valet" dressed to poke fun at NASA Viking pictures, one in which "line losses" from the binary print-outs were de-



Harry A. Jordan

picted as tracks from an alien land rover, one must wonder why all their flap about "Monuments on Mars" as a hoax, why all the attention?

Obviously the "truth" is indeed stranger than the recent 'fiction' that skeptics can generate to sell to the masses.

It's time to tell the real "truth" about Mars.

Photocopies of 'scientifically scaled models' (one containing the "Face" among other things) were recently supplied to USGS in Flagstaff, Ariz. currently under contract with NASA to map regions on Mars for future landings of robotic and manned missions.

The large model of 'Cydonia' completed in Omaha, Nebr. in 1987 displays many other enigmatic surface features sculpted directly over enlarged photo-prints from Viking. During construction of the model and since, consultation with many 'scientists' (not reporters or writers) who've worked for NASA, and review of the Cydonia data with former astronauts has been ongoing from Washington D.C. to California. Many 'credible people' within professional scientific communities find the data fascinating.

It took two years, three months, and fourteen days to combine the hard-work of less than a dozen people who, in my opinion, are "Heroes" and not the "alleged huxters" the 'hyper-spaced media' would have people believe.

Those "news" and "media" per-

sonalities apparently feel that if they've not "scooped" a subject first then it never happened, or worse yet if their "official experts" didn't know anything then it must not be true. Have I got news for them.

The "idiots" of which Mr. Asimov and Mr. Letterman speak are:

Dr. C. Wes Churchman, Nobel Laurette' and Professor Emeritis of the Center for Peace and Conflicts-University of California at Berkeley, Dr. John Brandenburg, Dr. Mark Carlotto, Mr. Vince Di Pietro, and Greg Molenaar of Mars Research, Washington D.C, Dr. Randy Pozos, and Richard Hoagland of The Mars Project in California, and myself with The Mars Project in Omaha.

Thousands of hours of personal time and expertise unselfishly shared without regard to monetary gain or publicity speaks of a noble human trait, a quest for true knowledge, not 'fabricated falsehoods.'

Dr. Brian O'Leary, astronaut, currently Chairman of the Presidents Commission on Space is one of the original principle members of "The Independent Mars Investigation."

For the record:

1. In 1976, Mr. Gerald Soffen and Dr. Tobis Owen while viewing digital printouts at JPL from Viking spacecraft saw the "Face" first. In all fairness to NASA not making an "official" overture one must consider over 66,000, 5"x5" binary print-outs which one or even two people just don't interpret overnite.
2. Mr. Vince DiPietro and Greg Molenaar, imaging experts with NASA (who developed the 'Star-Burst Interleaving Pixel Technique') rediscovered the same "Face" in the archives of the National Space Science Data Center. Frames 35A72 and 70A13 showed the face.
3. DiPietro and Molenaar subsequently approached Dr. Randy Pozos, Anthropologist, Mr. Thomas Raughtenburg, a social systems

analyst from Berkeley and subsequent contact with Mr. Richard Hoagland, former science advisor to Walter Cronkite, was engaged to generate political pressure for funds for a return mission to Mars to confirm the findings. "The Monuments of Mars" was later published by North Atlantic Books and authored by Richard C. Hoagland.

4. Dr. Mark Carlotto, of 'TASC', The Analytical Sciences Corporation in Reading, Mass. later developed the 'Shape from Shading Algorithm' which affectively confirmed, clarified, and further refined results of the old EDR tapes. Then the WORLD news, among other tabloids, printed Carlotto's processed data of the "Face" without his permission. They also printed it "backwards" the first time. Later 'tabloids' at least got the picture oriented properly this past September.

In answer to those who would call my colleagues with "The Mars Project", and "Mars Research", "idiots" here is a free lesson for them and finally some honest answers for the American people.

A second face has been discovered in the Utopia region by Dr. John Brandenburg with 'Mars Research' in Washington, D.C. It looks just like the "Face" at Cydonia. A Fourth Edition of "Unusual Martian Surface Features" was just published with the finding authored by Dr. Brandenburg, Mr. Vince DiPietro, including Dr. Mark Carlotto's results.

Work by 'The Mars Project in Omaha' has also published findings which reveal:

1. Cydonia has two distinct tholoses' (cone uplifts) one is accompanied by two domes spaced equal to the diameter of the larger tholos and separated by a ditch equal to its radius. A "cam" artifact bears at a perfect 45 degree angle, relative to the tholos. These forms also appear on earth. Let the 'media experts' tell us where...
2. Northeast of the "Face" at Cydonia, eight kilometers distant

is a very large "Mastaba" which has two distinct holes placed symmetrically upon an upper 'perfectly squared' platform. The Mastaba has a fracture in its western apothem which is NOT a product of exotic crystalline growth affected by low-gravity but of an object which is hollow inside.

Let the 'media experts' define the meaning...

3. Ten circular uplifts, three-hundred meters in diameter, spaced exactly 3.6 kilometers distance from one another, divided into five equal pairs, exist in the open lowland region of Cydonia which was part of an ancient sea once existing in the area over 500,000 years ago.

Let the 'media' cannonized doctorate-elect' research for themselves...

4. At a bearing of 153 degrees-relative, at a range of 8.6 kilometers from the "Cliff" artifact at Cydonia there exists a crater which has four equally spaced smaller craters each equal in diameter. When I showed this particular data to several pilots from SAC they contributed some interesting and serious comments. The crater also has a domed uplift on a 45 degree bearing off true north considering the obliquity for Mars 500,000 years ago.

Let the 'Asi-morphs' elaborate for the public...

The "Face" on Mars just scratches the surface of what has been discovered and not shared with the public, much less a media more intent on "hype" through tax-funded commercial satellites whose imploded transmissions upon an unwary public is more intent on "fictional noise" than "solice in true knowledge" that would dare to teach mankind something about himself.

One final lesson for the skeptics:

At age ten a young man who once worked with Dr. Albert Einstein when he was teaching at Princeton first discovered the existence of the "Jupiter Pyramid" decades before Viking even got off the

ground. He found his answers among ancient Sumerian glyphs, and architectural calculations which the ancients converted into "palindromic" form (one reading equally from the left to right or right to left).

A recent manuscript by that now middle-aged young man entitled "Time Origin of Foot and Decimeter" presents the following;

"Despite his profound science which honored nature on a scale unrivaled by moderns, ancient man failed. Why? Martian surface features say that he readily integrated the lesser with the greater, the ordinary with the extraordinary. A forest frog hopping about an atomically sequenced site? Why not? Man's sense of the sacred was pervasively universal, more planetarian than humanitarian. Yet, Man from the greenwood is gone, "Ares' fearsome and terrifying moon-steeds" chase their "nightmare" shadows across unwitnessed skies. Mars is a place to remember, perhaps revisit, but not reinhabit. This home away from home in ruins, Let it rest." Copyright 1988 Mr. Bart Jordan.

The author, scientist, philosopher, mathematician, Mr. Bart Jordan is a world renowned classical guitarist who studied with Sigovia, a musician with God-given gifts extraordinary in scope.

Mr. Jordan's arithmetical analysis and conversion factors as applied in planetarian terms assert that "time is the measure of all things", and the artifacts at Cydonia "is a consequence of man, not coincidence of nature."

It is not my place, nor that of others, (particularly those less informed) to presume upon the innovation of a genius by rape of 'his' calculations, that is for him alone to tell the world.

Bart Jordan addresses literally the "music of the spheres", the color, the numbers, the sound of the tuning fork in proportions of the planets. His genius is so amplified by the binding of all of

man's arts it would bring tears to the eyes of any mathematician fortunate enough to have shared them.

In the words of Dr. Brandenburg, "what happened on Mars thousands of years ago was very sad."

In my own words, "man's ignorance and greed is a trait that destroys planets." Mars offers the "Architectural Rosetta" that can save us from ourselves and the earth from us.

In the months to come many will discuss enigmas of Mars, critique the United States Space program unjustly for failures caused by the very politics and greed of skeptics who'd discredit something they 'honestly' know nothing about.

The TV late-night 'talk show host's,' and 'news personalities' to this point who've had their own personal 'experts' comment on Mars have not done their homework. It is quite obvious their credibility has begun to rust as the Martian pyramids surface in the public consciousness.

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(NOTE)

Readers interested in honest answers and acquisition of objective research material's from 'serious investigators' of the U.S. space probes to Mars can contact:

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"Special Report"-1924

This is a special report presented as an interesting post-script to the Unusual Martian Land Features. These two newspaper stories originally appeared in the Aug. 23 and Aug. 28, 1924 editions of the New York Times. The first story has been edited, the second is printed as it first appeared. If you are interested in reading either article in the original form, please contact the Fortean Research Center or visit your local library.

RADIO HEARS THINGS AS
MARS NEARS US

A 24-Tube Set in England Picks Up
Strong Signals Made in Harsh Dots.

At Washington the Translator of
McLean Telegrams Stands by to
Decode Any Message.

London, Aug. 23 (Associated Press)
An attempt by British wireless experts to "listen in" on Mars resulted in strange noises being heard at 1 o'clock this morning. The source of the noises could not be ascertained by the experts.

The attempt was made on a twenty-four tube set erected on a hill at Dulwich. Representatives of the Marconi Company and of London universities were present. Tuning in started at 12:30 am and at 1 am on a 30,000-meter radius, sounds were heard which could not be identified as coming from any earthly station.

The sounds were likened to harsh dots, but they could not be interpreted as any known code. The noises continued on and off for three minutes in groups of four and five dots.

"The signal has been noticed at the same hour practically every day for four weeks or more," declared C.W. Mellish, wireless operator at the Government station at Point Grey. "It is absolutely distinctive and cannot be attributed to any known instrument, or

to static or to leaking transformers in Vancouver." (Point Grey was situated in Vancouver, B.C. in 1924, ed.)

The sounds had not been considered seriously by the operators until the last day or two, Mr. Mellish stated.

C. Francis Jenkins, who has been a prominent experimenter in the field of transmitting photographs by radio, set up a machine designed to receive on a moving film any message that might come smashing through the ether.

Rear Admiral Edward W. Eberle, Chief of Naval Operations, issued instructions to twenty of the navy's highest-powered stations to keep close watch for anything out of the ordinary.

SEEKS SIGN FROM MARS IN
30-FOOT RADIO FILM

Dr. Todd Will Study Photograph of
Mysterious Dots and Dashes
Recently Recorded

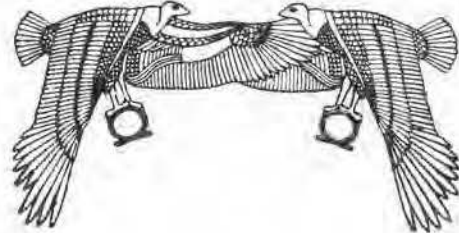
Washington, Aug. 27-The development of a photographic film record of radio signals during a period of about twenty-nine hours, while Mars was closest to the earth, has deepened the mystery of the dots and dashes reported heard at the same time by widely separated operators of powerful stations.

C. Francis Jenkins of Washington, inventor of the device, which he calls the "radio photo message continuous transmission machine," was induced by Dr. David Todd, professor emeritus of astronomy of Amherst and organizer of the international "listening-in" for signals from Mars, to take the record.

The film, thirty feet long and six inches wide, discloses in black on white a fairly regular arrangement of dots and dashes along one side, but on the other side at almost evenly spaced intervals are curiously jumbled groups each taking the form of a crudely drawn face.

"I don't think the results have anything to do with Mars," says

Mr. Jenkins. "Quite likely the sounds recorded are the result of heterodyning or interference of radio signals. The film shows a repetition, at intervals of about a half hour, or what appears to be a man's face. It's a freak which we can't explain."



Cash-Landrum UFO Encounter
by John Schuessler

Three Texans encountered a UFO on December 29, 1980 and suffered severe medical consequences. Betty Cash (51), Vickie Landrum (57) and Vickie's grandson Colby (7) were driving home to Dayton, Texas on the Cleveland-Huffman road just north of Lake Houston when the incident occurred. It was about 9:00 p.m. and the road was deserted.

The first indication of something unusual was the presence of a very intense light several miles ahead just above the pine trees. Betty remarked about the unusual brightness, but temporarily lost sight of the light due to the many trees growing along the roadway.

That situation didn't last very long. As the object neared, the light grew brighter and brighter until it was actually blocking the road in front of the car. It was enormous. Vickie said: "It was like a diamond of fire."

In addition to lighting the whole area like daytime, the UFO

periodically belched flames downward. Fearing they would be burned alive Betty stopped the 1980 Oldsmobile Cutlass in the middle of the two-laned road. They could feel the heat flooding the car and opened their doors to escape. Outside, the glow of the UFO burned their skin and eyes.

Colby was terrified and his screaming convinced Vickie to get back in the car to hold and protect him. Betty stood momentarily by the driver's door and then walked forward to the front of the car. When Betty tried to re-enter the car she found the door handle so hot she had to use her leather coat as a hotpad to protect her hand while opening the door.

Meanwhile, the huge diamond-shaped UFO continued to block the highway, belching flames downward every few minutes. When the flames would stop the object would drop slightly. Throughout the sighting a "beep-beep" could be heard.

Finally, the flames stopped and the object rose and flew over the trees. All three witnesses could see helicopters flying around and above the UFO as it flew away.

Betty was directly exposed to the heat radiating from the UFO for 5 to 10 minutes, Vickie 3 to 5 minutes and Colby only a minute or so.

Betty started the car and raced ahead through the dark woods. About five minutes later she turned on to a larger highway and found the UFO and a large many helicopters just ahead. She said "The sky was full of helicopters." Again, she stopped the car, this time to avoid nearing the dangerous object. At that point they counted more than twenty helicopters, some of them with twin rotors on top.

As the UFO moved away they sped on their way back to Dayton. By this time the object had been in sight climbing into the night sky for another 5 minutes.

Although safe from the threat

of the object, the threesome had a new problem. They were hot, nauseated and very uncomfortable.

As Vickie left the car in Dayton she said "My head hurts and I am sick."

Betty had a similar problem. An unusually energetic woman, Betty had plans to open a new restaurant the next week. That plan was doomed. For the next four days her health degraded. Her eyes were swollen shut, red blotches became huge water blisters and she was weak from nausea and diarrhea. She spent the better part of the month in the hospital where she lost patches of skin and most of her hair. Later she would develop cancer.

Vickie and Colby had similar problems. Finally, after several weeks the diarrhea and stomach pains began to recede, but their eyes were permanently damaged.

Others saw the UFO and the helicopters. The reports were consistent-the UFO was glowing intensely and the helicopters were of the type flown by the military services. Nevertheless, no one would help, even the military denied flying their helicopters that night.

Something happened to three solid God-fearing Americans near Huffman, Texas on December 29, 1980. They were harmed and their lives changed forever. Information is available that could help them and others like them, but it is being withheld without regard for their welfare. Something should be done.....

WISHFUL THINKING AS AN EXPLANATION FOR UFO'S

by John F. Schuessler
Dec. 20, 1988

During the 1950-1960 era UFO investigators continually found fault with Air Force investigators because of their nonsense answers for UFO sightings. The most frequent joke of the time was to tell eyewitnesses they had observed the planet Venus whether

or not Venus was actually visible at the time. The press always accepted that answer, as did many UFO investigators. Persistent researchers, however, continued their quest for truth and exposed these fake answers.

Unfortunately, their audience was small and the results of their hard work fell on deaf ears.

Now we are in the era of the 1980's. The Air Force no longer investigates UFO's, hence UFO investigators no longer need to play the "truth squad" role with their answers. Unfortunately, other groups now come up with explanations for UFO's based on wishful thinking rather than facts.

On December 29, 1980 Betty Cash and Vickie Landrum encountered a large diamond-shaped UFO near the city of Houston, Texas. Since that time claims have been made that the object was a secret U.S. nuclear aircraft, a nuclear powerplant gone out of control, an alien spacecraft piloted by U.S. military pilots, and a number of other strange things. There is no evidence that any of these explanations are true. In fact, most are stranger than if we were to accept the UFO explanation.



The Contactee Experience as an Initiation

by Ida M. Kannenberg

For the past three years I have been studying the contactee experience as a process of initiation. That process, no matter in what time period, or in what part of the word follows the same basic pattern.

1. First, the one to be initiated is somehow cut off from his communal companions. In very primitive countries this means seizing the young initiand, usually at puberty, and keeping him (or her) for a period of time, often a year or more, in a separate place. In the UFO experience we read that the person contacted is frequently alone, at night, often driving a car on some lonely unfrequented road. Later, as he tries to tell his family or friends about his experience, sighting or contact, he is so ridiculed that he withdraws more and more into himself, and in this fashion completes the element of separation.

2. Secondly, the place where the primitive initiand is kept is round, a hut or cave, a compound. The round element is representative of the womb from which, after a gestation period, he will emerge, "born again" as a more highly developed spiritual and cultural person. In the UFO experience the person had a sighting from his car, which is reasonably rounded, or he may be taken, sooner or later, into a round or oval room, or a squarish one with the corners rounded off, or a vaulted room. Or he may have had his sighting while standing in a field irrigated in the circular fashion, or in a racetrack, or a ball park rounded by the bleachers.

3. The third element is that the initiand, or contactee, is shown or given certain things that have symbolic meaning, or the events he passes through are themselves symbolic, as are certain rituals.

4. Fourth, he finds himself given a tutor or mentor, or teachers, or guides. This mentor will stick to him come hell or high water (or 30 degrees below zero). We find an example today in the Kachinas of the Hopi Indians. In the 1950 era several contactees reported meeting a personage who wore a mask or half-mask. All of these represent the mythical ancestors who gave that community its earliest arts and sciences and rules of conduct, and who return periodically to teach and guide in the present.

5. In addition to the teachings the initiand, or contactee, finds he must undergo certain disciplines. Some of these may seem quite inane, as Whitley Streiber was told not to eat chocolate, and he had a terrible struggle trying to follow this injunction. The one being initiated will undergo actual ordeals, which get tougher and tougher. He will be required to make certain vows, usually to serve God and to help his fellow man.

6. He must learn the traditions of his community. In the case of the contactee he will find himself studying ancient civilizations and basic religions of the world.

7. In addition to all this he will be given certain tasks. Some of these will seem quite pointless, other times they will be most valuable. In my first task I was told to go to Virginia Beach and study all I could in the Edgar Cayce writings about Atlantis, and next to go to the Smithsonian and study the Sumerian civilization. The tasks will become more and more difficult, which gives a feeling of climbing, of advancing, or of ascension.

8. After a very long time, perhaps years in the contactee experience, a peak of ascension or a topping off point will be reached. At this time certain revelations will be given. In very primitive societies the initiand actually climbs a tall pole or a tree

trunk. At the top he is made to believe he hears the voice of God. 9. A further result is that the now initiated one finds himself capable of special abilities. We hear of contactees who have become quite psychic and much more aware of special events taking place around them.

10. Finally the initiate becomes aware that he has attained a more responsible place in his community. He has been "elevated." In some societies, as Amerindian, he might be permitted to continue his study to become shaman.

As I have indicated the progress through the pattern of initiation is precisely the same in all communities, from the Australian bushman to the priest in our modern church. The process is the same, only the outer dressing corresponds to the time and place of the initiate.

As contactees we may ask, "Into what are we being initiated?" Good question. My mentors answered thus,

"Into a world wide organization dedicate to the purpose of helping peace and justice return again to the world."

I asked, "Again? Has there ever been such peace and harmony in THIS world?"

They said, "Yes. But so long ago history has forgotten. It SHALL come again. It has been so destined!"

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UFO in Rural Nebraska
by Dale Bacon

THE SIGHTING

On the morning of Tuesday, July 15th, 1986, a twenty-six year old machine operator living in a small town north of Lincoln, Nebraska was fully awakened for no apparent reason. The clock near his bed indicated the time to be exactly 3:30 am. Allen (not his real name, this is on file in the Fortean Research Center) climbed from bed and was going to enter the bathroom when he changed his mind. Instead he walked into the bedroom of his son. Allen's wife and infant son were visiting relatives at the time leaving him alone in the double-wide trailer situated on the outskirts of this small farming community.

At the time of the incident Allen did not think his actions unusual, but upon recall he wondered why he had entered the son's room. There had been no real reason to go there, but he did so anyway. Once in the bedroom Allen walked to the southwest window which overlooked the backyard of his home. To his amazement and surprise Allen said he observed a bright yellow object hovering approximately 50 feet above the ground, just a few feet over the tree line of his yard.

Allen claims to have watched the circular object for 10-15 minutes from the bedroom window, during this time the object appeared to pulsate. Desiring to get a better view of the object, Allen re-entered his bedroom and quickly pulled on a pair of pants.

The weather conditions for July 21, 1986 (according to the National Weather Service) was mostly clear skies, visibility of 12 miles. Winds were out of the south at 10 mph, with thin ice clouds at 20,000 feet.

Once outside Allen noticed that the object appeared to be moving up and down very slowly, as well as gently moving back and forth. He reported it to resemble a "slow



Artistic depiction of
the sighting based on
eyewitness description

rocking boat." His first thought was that the swaying of the trees might be causing the object to appear to move. He looked at other trees in the area and did not notice any movement.

Allen considered phoning a neighbor to see if he was the only one who could see this, but did not. Instead he walked toward the tree line, getting closer to the yellow object. As he moved to the southwest he consciously made an attempt to "telepathically" communicate with the object. His report stated, "I tried to talk to the object with brain waves and thinking friendly thoughts and ones of letting me know more about them or it."

As Allen began to "think" to the object, he claims it started to pulsate in color from bright to dark yellow. He was reminded of "a flashing yellow traffic light, but much slower, like someone breathing." Allen claims to have not removed his gaze from the object at any time after it began to pulsate.

After what seemed to be only a few minutes, the object stopped pulsating and began to slowly move to the northwest until it could not be seen. He climbed a pile of wooden pallets stacked about 8 feet in height, but still could not see the object.

Allen quickly returned to his house with the idea to get dressed and follow the object on his motorcycle. Upon entering the

trailer he saw that one hour and ten minutes had passed from the time he first went outside to view the object. Knowing he had to be at work in less than a half-hour Allen did not pursue the object. Instead, he came into Lincoln and reported what he had seen to an investigator of the Fortean Research Center.

INITIAL INVESTIGATION

My initial contact with Allen showed the man to be highly excited and "pumped up" with adrenalin. Approximately 3:00 pm I went to Allen's home and made my preliminary study, consisting of a taped interview, making drawings of the area and taking measurements of the yard, including the tree line.

A visit to the area where the alleged object had been stationary revealed nothing out of the ordinary. When interviewed, neighbors in the area reported nothing unusual that they had been aware of during the night. One neighbor who owns some horses very near the location of the object reported no activity from the animals during the incident.

Allen reported that at least one dog down the street had been "barking as if in pain" at the time of the sighting.

PHONE CALLS

Telephone calls to various operational services which may have had some activity in the air that night revealed the following:

Lincoln Control Tower: The tower had shut down at ten o'clock, with no information available.

Omaha Radar Approach Control: The area of the sighting was being monitored by Minnesota Radar Control at IFR level. Unless deliberate contact is made with the tower ORAC does not follow air traffic in the Lincoln area.

Air National Guard: There were no flight operations in this area at the time noted.

Army National Guard: The earliest air operations begin at nine o'clock. No operations in the area.

National Weather Services:

Weather balloons are sent aloft twice daily, at 5:30 am and 5:30 pm.

Flight Services: There had been an air taxi arriving at Lincoln Airport at 3:09 am, departing at 3:18 am southeast to Kansas City, MO. At 3:06 am there had been radio contact with a plane in the area, but there was no indication of the location of the craft.

FINDINGS

Measuring the distance from where Allen had been standing to where he claimed the object was situated gave us a figure of 150 ft. The approximate height of the trees over which the object was seen was 20-25 ft. Allen had said the object was about the size of a basketball when comparing a hand-held coin at arms length. Based on this information and using the Pythagorum Theorum, it has been estimated that the object could have been between 53-67 feet wide and between 16-20 feet in height.

There were no related reports found anywhere in the area for that night, so it would seem that the only known eyewitness was the reportee.

Allen has a limited knowledge of astronomy, consisting of well-known constellations, stars and planets, yet he has no trouble identifying man-made satellites.

SUMMARY/FOLLOW-UP

On November 27, 1988 Allen appeared as a telephone guest on the "Exploring Unexplained Phenomena" radio broadcast to relate his sighting to listeners of the program. During the broadcast Allen stated that a few months earlier his four-year-old son had asked him about the yellow light seen through the child's bedroom window. According to Allen, he had never mentioned the incident to his son and to the

best of his knowledge neither had his wife.

At the time of the initial report Allen had compared the incident to the birth of his son. It had filled him with wonder and made him feel like a new person.

Allen does not seem to be the sort of person who would deliberately make up a story of this type. He says he has always had an interest in unknown phenomena, but prefers to work on automobile engines in his spare time rather than chase lights in the sky.



Blood Falls from the Sky in
New England Pt.II
by Scott H. Colborn

(In the Winter 1988 edition of the Journal of the Fortean Research Center, Scott H. Colborn began a lengthy article discussing a mysterious phenomena taking place on the East Coast. Here then is Part II of the story, Blood Falls from the Sky in New England. ed.)

K.J.: Getting back to your family, has there been one particular person in your family who has been at home each & every time that the blood has fallen?

D.A.: Not each & every time. It's usually mom & T.R. that has been there but we've also been there maybe 3 times. When it started

back Sunday, we were playing bingo & right away she called us & said, "Mom, this has started". We didn't know what to expect...we thought it was going to be a lot worse than what was there....

K.J.: Why did you think it was going to be worse?

D.A.: Well, we had heard that it was 7 times stronger when it would come back. T.R. had started crying again because K.S. had told her that. When mom was away on Saturday night, I was at the front window. We had come back & I was in the front room looking out the front window, and it came on the porch...it looked like it came from a side angle. There was nobody that walked by...there was no traffic that went by at that time. W.M. was sitting in the front room watching TV. That was the first I had ever seen it actually come in & fall. This was in July.

K.J.: It was back in July?

D.A.: Yes, when it was falling all 12 days in a row, or nights in a row. I said to W.M, "My God it just fell on the porch". T.R. came to the window, leaned down on her knees & said it looked like it came from a straight angle. There were spots right at the steps & it hit the mailbox & dripped right off the mailbox. I never thought that it was anyone from the family.

K.J.: Has this person B.R. been present everytime this has happened?

D.A.: Not for about the first 6 nights it happened. She was walking a dog & she had stopped & that's when Mom was out trying to wash off the porch. I'm sure people thought there was a knock-down drag-out fight out there with this blood around. While mom was out there washing it off, it was like it had just come from the roof & come down her back. Mom said "T.R. get the flashlight...it's coming out of the porch roof". We looked &

there was no blood, no drips or anything.

W.M.: No way it could come through the porch roof.

D.A.: That's when W.M. started realizing that this isn't right. You know, nothing can be dripping down a person's back when they're bent over like that. We were trying to get it cleaned up & it was down her back, all over her shirt...down her legs.

K.J.: Have you ever heard anything when the blood falls?

D.A.: We have heard it splat on the concrete. On the porch, T.R. & I were both standing right there & didn't hear anything. We turned around & there it was...

K.J.: No unusual noise at all?

D.A.: No, I was out in the back yard & I did notice when they went out the front door, the back door vibrated.

K.J.: I wanted to ask you about that.

D.A.: We were on the back porch & M. & C. were on the front porch, seeing if we could see anything. We stayed in the back instead of the front and I told S. then, "Look at that door vibrating". That's why that vibrated, when they went out the front door. So, that may have been why that door vibrated, when they went out the front.

K.J.: Is it possible when you were looking at the blood on the back porch, that somebody may have gone in the front door? You said earlier that there was blood that appeared on the front porch at one time. You went in through the house, into the kitchen where the back door is, and the back door vibrated. When you opened it, there was blood on the door. Is it possible that somebody might have come into the front door at that time & pulled it closed?

D.A.: Not that night, people were in the front room...B.R. was on the phone.

K.J.: You have air conditioning in your house?

D.A.: Yes

H.P.: Has this ever appeared inside the house?

D.A.: No

H.P.: Has there ever been anything unusual inside your home?

D.A.: No

H.P.: Does anyone that lives with you have any kind of medical problem? Ever had dental work or do they have sores or anything like this?

D.A.: No, nothing...

K.J.: You said something about T.R...a nervous habit of biting her lip?

D.A.: We checked her lip when we went home & she had a blister back here on the tongue...like, she was chewing her gum & had done it. She does chew her lip, but not that you could get blood or anything.

H.P.: Has she ever made it bleed?

D.A.: Yes, there's been times that it's bled.

H.P.: Do you know what blood type she has?

D.A.: I thought it was A. She said she was tested in school & told she had B type blood, so I'm not sure now. But, it seemed to me she had A and I tried to get a copy of her blood type made. The doctor said they don't usually do that unless it's a request that they put it down on the form.

K.J.: Do you have a Birth Certificate for T.R. with her blood type on it?

D.A.: It doesn't have it on there. I looked...I was going to take her & have her blood tested. I said, "It sounds like to me, T.R., that they might think that you're spitting this blood". She said, "Are they crazy?...They can come right down now & take it if they want to".

W.M: I don't believe it's her. I really don't.

D.A: She was kind of upset over it. She said, "I can't believe they think I would be able to spit all that".

H.P: Do you know your mother's blood type?

D.A: It's "A". W.M, B.M, & I have type "A" also.

H.P: Do you know anyone in your family who has ever experienced any kind of phenomenon like this happening?

D.A: Just my brother's father, & he was born with a veil over his face. He could stop fever, stop chills...he could blow fire...you know, I was told.

H.P: Have you actually seen him do any of these?

D.A: No. My mother has...she said she's seen him stop nose bleeds...she said he would put his hand over a head & say some words you couldn't hear & she said it would stop.

H.P: Your mother was married to him?

D.A: Yes, for about 11 years. They were divorced for about 30 years & then he passed away...the middle of June. He would have been 77 in July...I didn't see any problem between them...never have seen anything that would make me think...we were just trying to put two & two together, thinking maybe this had something to do with this, but we don't know.

H.P: Are you or anyone at your house in fear of their life?

D.A: No, I'm not...I do get upset. It does worry me. T.R. seems to think that it's her that would be in jeopardy...you know, things that K.S. said to her. It seems like it would be for the kids more than anything. I do worry about them...I try to keep them close.

W.M: I've heard stories about sacrifice & stuff like that. No one can come along & take my kids for some kind of worship, or something like that.

H.P: Has anyone made any threats?

D.A: No.

H.P: In your opinion, do you think this will continue?

D.A: I don't know...

W.M: We thought it would quit after the first time.

D.A: Yes, things were starting to ease up, when it was the 25th day that we didn't see anything & then, you know, that was the first that we had been out of the house. We thought we would go out & then we get the call and had to come home because it started again. You know, we were scared to go anywhere.

H.P: If it continues, do you have any plans to deal with it?

D.A: Just keep looking for answers. Maybe moving.

W.M: I want to move & start somewhere else.

K.J: Do you have any feelings about the occurrences which have been happening at your house?

D.A: I know it's not normal...I don't think it's right. I don't think it's somebody doing it. I just don't know what it is.

K.J: Do you feel unusual when it happens?

D.A: I get a weird feeling in my stomach.

W.M: I think when everybody started telling us a bunch of stuff that it could be, they got a lot more scared.

K.J: It could be what? Supernatural?

W.M: Right, supernatural or demons or whatever. I really don't want to accept that, myself. But the way it looks, that's about what it is.

K.J: When you say...I think you said you were a strong disbeliever until what happened?

W.M: Until I saw that, up underneath that window ledge at the basement where it looked like somebody almost had to be up on top of it to do it.

D.A: We were sitting in the back yard one evening...it wasn't quite dark yet. We were looking to see if it could be bats or anything out through the alleyway. T.R. walked out & said "It's done on that front porch already". W.M.

jumped up off that chair...he knew then that there was something, because there was no one that walked by.

K.J.: But somebody could have come from the south side, which would have been your blind side. Right?

D.A.: Yes, but it didn't look like it came in that way...looked like it came in from the north.

W.M.: It came across the spouting & all.

D.A.: Yes, it caught the spouting, the railing right across there &

W.M.: kind of stood there & looked funny. That was the night that we called the police because they had hit the basement window, the back door & went through the screen, & it was on the door. W.M. never actually saw it drop where, you know, we have.

W.M.: The other time it scared me was when those two were standing there in front of that window & I just looked up at them before they stood there, & there wasn't anything on that window & when they moved, there it was, running down the side...& there was no way it could get between them. It was almost right behind them.

D.A.: We would have seen something, we had to. I had the screen door open, standing in the doorway, T.R. & I, & she was standing right down & I was standing in the door, the screen door, & she was standing right beside me on the porch. We both looked around & there it was. We didn't hear anything or see anything. I couldn't understand where that came from at all. It was just right there on that windowsill, in the front.

K.J.: What time does the blood fall?

D.A.: Well, in July it was usually from 9 to 11, somewhere around there. But then, it fell in the daytime.

K.J.: But only on one time.

D.A.: Only on one occasion...we were all in the front room. T.R. said, "I just saw something". I said, "What do you mean?". That was probably a shadow from the traffic. She said, "I don't think

that's what it was". I said, "Go look then". She looked out & said "Oh, it's on the porch. It's on the porch". When I said "What?", she responded, "That stuff, it's all over the porch". We didn't hear anybody on the porch...you just don't know what to think of it.

K.J.: Does anybody in your house perform any type of unusual rituals or any type of seances...?

D.A.: No, we wouldn't even know how.

W.M.: I was raised in the Church. I wouldn't allow anything like that.

H.P.: When you moved to your house, did you notice anything unusual? Anything strange or unusual?

W.M.: It's one of the best places we have had.

H.P.: Have you always lived with your mother & the people living with you now?

D.A.: Yes, except for mom. She's lived with us for about the last 3 years. We asked her to quit work & watch our kids while we work.

H.P.: Is there anything else you can think of to tell us?

D.A.: Nothing.

Department of Police

On 9/4/88 at approximately 10 p.m. this writer was contacted at home by B.R., a neighbor of the people living at N. Blueberry. B.R. briefly explained the events occurring at the residence & stated that the blood was again falling on the residence as we were speaking on the phone. This writer immediately went to the above stated address to investigate. Upon arrival, this writer found blood spatter on the front porch, front sidewalk, a vehicle parked directly in front of the residence, & on the side walk leading from the front to the back of the house (north side). No blood was falling or did fall in the presence of this writer.

A field test for blood was performed on the fallen liquid, & resulted in a positive finding for

the presence of blood.

A brief interview with the occupants of the residence was conducted. All occupants stated the blood mysteriously appeared from nowhere, & nobody was seen around the residence who may have been responsible for throwing the blood, or placing the blood on the residence.

On 9/9/88 this writer & Det.H.P. returned to the residence after being informed that the blood appeared at it's worst. Photos & blood samples were taken from both the front & back porch. The blood samples were taken to the Crime laboratory for further testing. The blood stopped falling after this date. No further action taken. To date, no explanation is available for the appearance of the blood on this residence.
Reporting Officer: K.J.

CONCLUSION

The Fortean Research Center has received a copy of the lab report done by a forensic chemist for the police department. Submitted to the chemist was the following:

Item #1 Piece of gauze with apparent blood labeled "front".

Item #2 Piece of gauze with apparent blood labeled "back".

Item #3 Glass vial containing apparent liquid blood.

Results Of Examination:

Items 1 & 2: The stains were identified as being human blood. The H substance was detected in these stains utilizing the Absorbtion-Elution Method. However, this result could not be confirmed by reverse typing (Lattes Method).

Item 3: The liquid blood was identified as being human. The A antigen & H substance was detected in the liquid blood using the slide method. The sample was too lyzed to utilize reverse typing for confirmation.

The Fortean Research Center called Det. H.P, the primary officer involved in this case, on 1/28/89 as we went to print with this Journal. He told the Center that an individual who was a medical doctor (name not known by the F.R.C.) had made contact with the family involved in this case & had agreed to perform some sort of an exorcism in the families home. This was done last fall. Well, this particular doctor lives in a two story house, with his office on the first floor & his residence on the second floor. The doctor had been out on an errand or call around last Christmas and upon returning home had found blood on an outside door on the second floor. Apparently there is an outside staircase to this door. The police detective speculated that if an injured party had not found the doctor in his office & had climbed the stairway in the hopes of finding him at home, the injured person would have left traces of blood on the railing, staircase, & stoop or landing. None was found.

A sample was taken & is being analyzed now. I got the impression that this officer feels the 2 cases are connected.

Well, what about some theories? L.A's deceased ex-husband was born with a veil over his face. In some occult circles this suggests that this person will have extra-normal abilities or powers. This man apparently died just before the blood began falling. So, a man who could make a cut or scrap stop bleeding while he lived...stop nose bleeds...could there be a connection? He could stop bleeding while he lived...he died & blood began to fall. Or should we put more weight on the connection with T.R. & K.S? K.S.introduced an element of black magic in this story that can't be overlooked. Can a group of people stare out a window at someone walking down the street and make that person fall by the focused gaze of the group? Or how about when K.S. asked T.R. if there was a problem at her

house, & that "it will start again". The incidents indeed then started. Whether or not there is a tie-in is hard to say at this point. In an earlier conversation with the police detective he told me the family went to a local "psychic" last fall and were told to spread salt around the house, & to lay a Bible by the front door on the porch. A member of the family later that day looked out a front window & saw the pages of the Bible turning yet reported that there was no breeze to have blown the pages to make them appear as if they were turning.

I asked Det. H.P. if there was a hospital nearby that could have possibly burnt some waste products in an incinerator, & then on wind currents fallen on the house & immediate area. Det. H.P. said that a hospital was located nearby; however he felt after following this up that this was not the answer. Additionally, consider that some of the blood was found on the top surface of a recessed basement window, as if it had moved in a lateral sense to strike the window.

Could 1 or more members of the family be involved in a hoax? One could theorize this, but for what gain? They don't appear to be interested in a screen play, a movie script, or widespread notoriety. Indeed we have promised the reporting officer that their names would not be used. To subject themselves to scrutiny...for what sake? And the family felt that if an outside party was literally slinging blood at their home that they would have been seen by themselves or a neighbor.

Charles Fort collected reports of falls of objects including blood from the sky so there is a precedent for this fascinating case. We offer this report with no particular weight being given to any one theory. My own personal conviction is that this experience will probably draw the family a lot closer together. We will stay in touch with Det. H.P.

& offer you any further data. I have offered any assistance that I can give to Det. H.P. Perhaps in the future we can converse directly with the family & print their responses. At any rate, I feel that this case is still open, and time will tell. Indeed, time will tell.



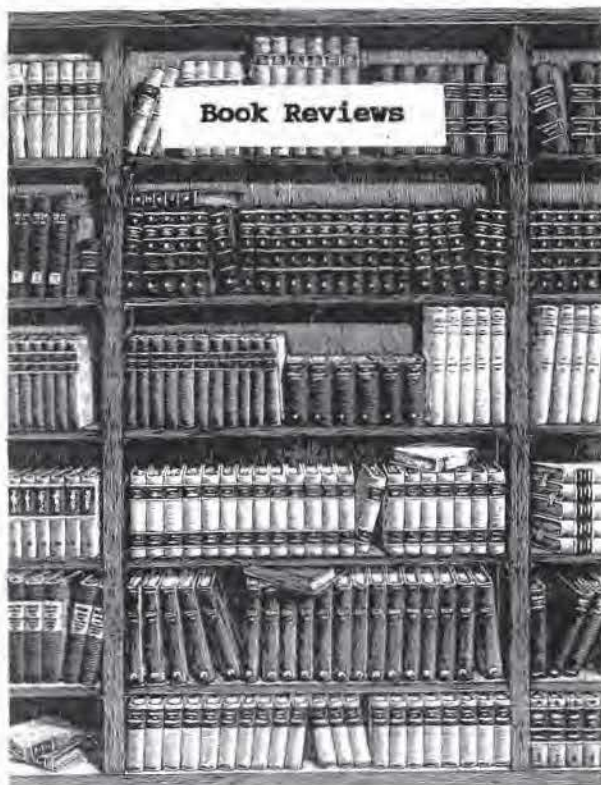
Letters to the Editor

In the last quarter of '88 I reviewed the George Andrews book Extra-terrestrials Among Us. Upon further review, I feel it's my responsibility to caution the reader that Andrews touches on, and speculates in, some very controversial areas which include drugs, various religions and the occult, which is unfortunate considering the outstanding work he has done, outlined in my initial review.

Kirk Fenster

In response to the Lear statement and some of those who wrote responses-I can't believe some of you are so gullible that you could possibly believe the E.B.E.'s claim of creating Jesus Christ. If you have studied abduction cases at all, one thing is clear: E.B.E.'s lie to and deceive their victims. The E.B.E. who was responsible for this claim was in captivity, which is all the more reason to feed us full of disinformation. The E.B.E.'s effort to deceive man about the truth concerning Jesus Christ is by far their worst atrocity against mankind.

F.K.
Lincoln, NE



UFO Abductions-A Dangerous Game
updated edition
Philip J. Klass
Prometheus Books 1989

In 1966 a married couple in New Hampshire claimed they had been taken, against their will, aboard an extraterrestrial space craft. On board the vehicle the two were allegedly subjected to painful physical examinations by the alien occupants.

The Betty and Barney Hill story was presented in the October issue of Look magazine, written into a book and eventually made into a popular motion picture. Thus the UFO abduction scenario seems to have been born. Shortly thereafter other men and women began coming forward making similar claims.

By the late 1980's the abduction stories were media-wide attention grabbers. Two books, Intruders by Budd Hopkins and Communion by Whitley Streiber,

were on Americas best seller lists. Both books dealt exclusively with UFO abduction reports. TV and radio talk shows nationwide were interviewing people claiming to have been clinically examined, probed and sexually violated by creatures from other galaxies. Some, as in the case of Kathie Davis, even being artificially impregnated by the alien captors.

Philip J. Klass, author and world's leading skeptical authority of Unidentified Flying Objects, presents what he refers to as the "truth" behind the abduction experience. Mr. Klass firmly believes the public has been "hoodwinked and brainwashed" by the largely pro-UFO media hype. UFO Abductions-A Dangerous Game is his latest contribution in print, presenting information pertaining to the more popular abduction reports. Information which was either overlooked, ignored or simply not reported in the popular press.

Author Klass touches on various aspects of the abduction scenario, such as the use of hypnosis when seeking information about an alleged incident, including the danger of unconscious contamination by poorly trained or amateur hypnotists.

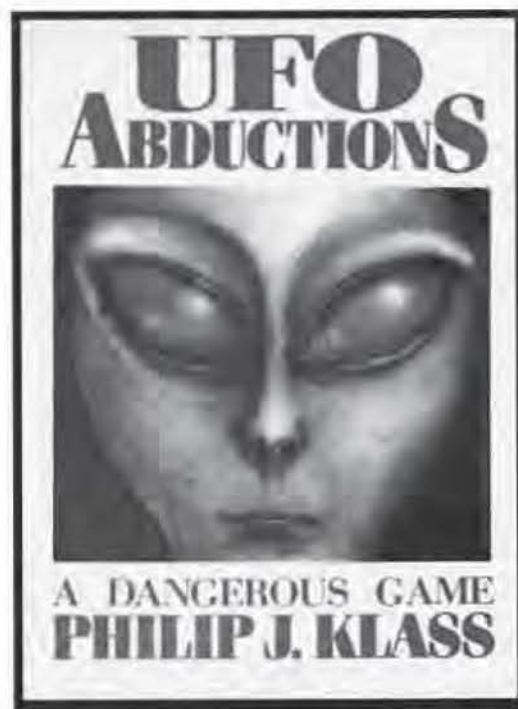
The writing style is very straightforward and the 222 pages can be quickly read. An individual who staunchly believes in the UFO abduction reports without question will not find Mr. Klass' book enjoyable, if he or she reads it at all. However, UFO Abductions-A Dangerous Game deserves to be read by everyone who honestly tries to look at both sides of any claim dealing with UFO's.

I recommend this book.

reviewed by Dale Bacon
Editor, Journal of the
Fortean Research Center

Mr. Klass' latest effort, UFO Abductions-A Dangerous Game, may be dangerous to the reader unless you desire lessons in discrediting others, which seems to be the common thread running through this book. When you consider the mud-slinging between some UFOlogists, Mr. Klass' book fits right in. I feel it would be wise to look beyond this type of thinking. Our emphasis should be on the "something" that's going on out there which we have labelled UFO abduction, but do not clearly understand. Perhaps, God-willing, someday the critics will lay down their pencils and help in finding some real answers to this perplexing phenomena.

review by
K.F.



Editorial....from page #2

more asked questions we have heard lately has been..."How can I help?" In the Director's Message of this issue Scott Colborn, director of the Center, has offered a number of workable suggestions. In addition to these, I would like to add one more.

If you would like to assist in the

production of the Journal itself, and have access to computer equipment, we need individuals with IBM compatible software, hardware, and a willingness to help.

My purpose with this request is so that others will be able to input articles, stories and various typed information used in the Journal. In the past only a handful of diligent devotees to the cause of Fortean research have done all the work in publishing the magazine you hold in your hand. We are all volunteers donating our time, mostly out of love. It can sometimes be overwhelming. As the Center grows, so does the workload.

As to the specifics of our current setup, the system we are using is a TRS 1000, with compatibility to both types of disks. The program being used is the DeskMate II. For this issue we have obtained the use of a Hewett-Packard LaserJet printer. Anyone who knows the price of computer equipment knows that this type of printer retails for thousands of dollars. Many dollars more than a non-profit organization is likely to have.

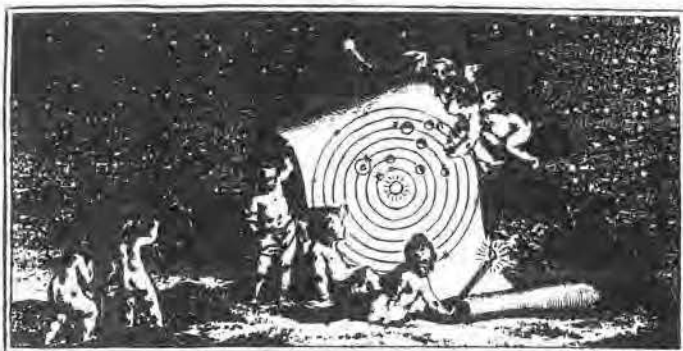
As the Center is based in Nebraska, we would like to keep as much of the actual work done on a local level as we can. I do not say this out of Nebraska-based egoic pride (Go Big Red), but rather because it is easier to drive across town to check on a print error than it is to mail the disks across the country.

Any contribution you can make to bring the Journal of the Fortean Research Center up to the best possible quality research magazine is appreciated and welcomed.

Thank you and now...on with the good stuff.



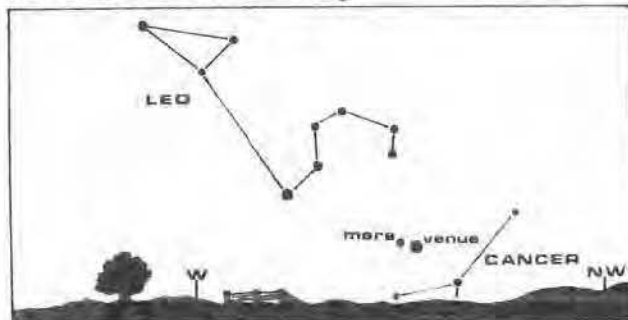
Sky Watch
by Erik Hubl



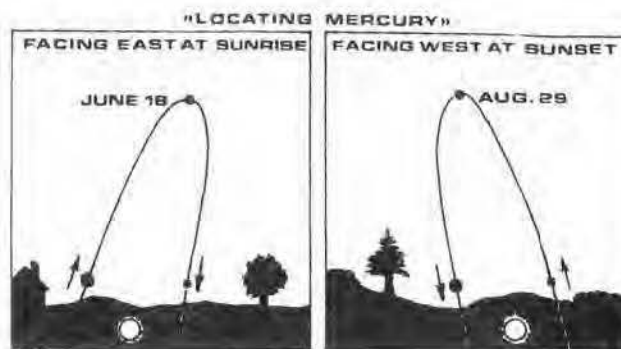
Peering into the heavens, an art as old as mankind. Our ancestors constantly watched the stars. They learned to recognize the familiar patterns year after year. Today, however, much of this general knowledge has been lost, mainly due to large cities and an unfortunate thing called light pollution.

This column is intended to re-familiarize you with the night-time sky, to spark an interest in celestial events. We have a wonderful window to the universe. Let's take a look at what's ahead for the next three months.

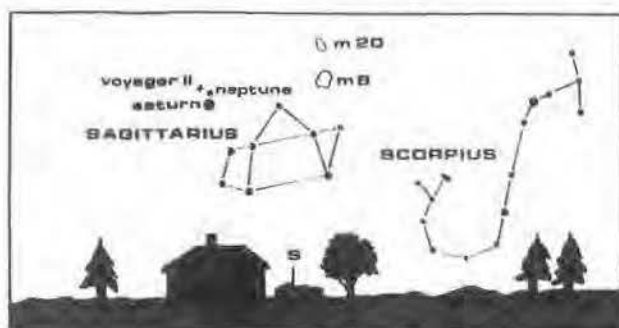
During the month of June Venus will emerge in the west at sunset. It will slowly climb eastward against the backdrop of stars, but from the Earth it won't seem to get very high in the sky. On July 12th Venus, the Goddess of love, will meet Mars, the God of war. The two will be 5° apart, but only 10 degrees above the horizon. Look in the west after sunset near Leo the Lion. Mars will shine at 1.8 magnitude while Venus will dominate at -3.9 mag.



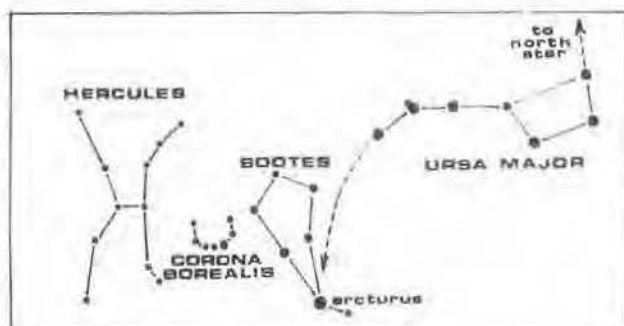
Mercury will be visible in the morning sky on June 18th. This planet travels quickly around the Sun. It takes only 88 days to complete one orbit. Mercury is actually a very easy object to locate, but many people never realize it. The reason is, Mercury never gets very far from the Sun so it can only be seen after sunset or before sunrise. On June 18th it will shine at 0.5 magnitude, and will be about 10° above to horizon. On August 29th it will be a little better placed for viewing in the evening sky. Look about an hour before sunrise or after sunset to spot this elusive planet.



Saturn will rule the summer sky. Low in the south and still near the constellation Sagittarius, it should be easy to find. On June 24th Neptune will make a close conjunction with the ringed planet. The two will be only 0.3 degrees apart. Saturn will shine at 0.1 magnitude while Neptune will be only 7.9 mag., well below naked eye visibility (see notes). Through binoculars or a small telescope you might be able to see Neptune. Look for a bluish star-like image just above Saturn. If you can't find it, just wait until August 25th. After 12 years of travel Voyager II will send back close-up images from this distant world. After that, Voyager II will leave the Solar System. An emissary from a tiny planet-the third from the Sun.

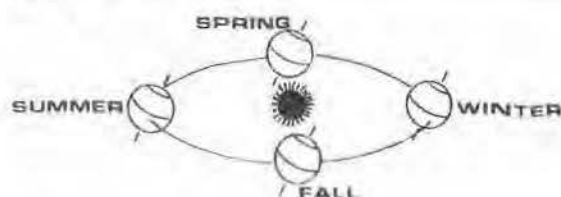


Although most people know that they can use the Big Dipper to point to the North Star, few know that it can also be used to find some other objects in the Summer sky. Follow the curve of the Dippers' handle to a bright yellow star. This is Arcturus in the constellation Bootes. Nearby is a horseshoe-shaped constellation called Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. For those with keen sight, look for Hercules. It looks somewhat like an elongated 'H', but faint stars and city lights make it hard to find.



FACE SOUTH AND HOLD THIS CHART OVERHEAD TO FIND THESE CONSTELLATIONS

This year the Summer Solstice, or first day of summer, will occur on Wednesday June 21st at 09:44 UT (4:44 am CDT). This is the longest day of the year and the Sun will reach its highest point in the sky. At 40° N latitude we will receive 15 hours of daylight and 9 hours of darkness.



Most of North America will be able to see a total eclipse of the Moon on the night of August 16th. This will be an excellent eclipse and will be watched by many people. The Moon should turn a dark red in color. Thus the term "blood on the Moon". The eclipse will begin at 8:20 pm, the middle at 10:08 pm and it will end by 11:55 pm (all CDT). I would be interested in hearing about your observations, particularly the moons' color. (ie, was it dark red or bright red or were there grey shadows?). More on this in the next issue.

NOTES:

Magnitude is the astronomical measure of brightness. The faintest star visible to the unaided eye is +6th magnitude. The brightest star is +1 or 0. Venus can be -4th mag. a full Moon -12th mag. and the Sun -27th magnitude.

FROM THE MAIL ROOM:

Dear Erik;

I read "Sky Watch" and I think that it is very interesting. Now I know things that I have been wondering about. An example: I can see satellites from Earth...I saw about 6 of them in 30 minutes time in 1986.

What I have been wondering is I have heard that everything that has entered or has left the Earth has to be at a certain time and degree. If not it would explode.

How long would this explosion last and what would be the effect of its explosion? Example "the Russian satellite explosion" in 1987. Lights were seen in many states. Lights seen on/above or crossing highways.

S.B.
Missouri

Dear S.B.

When rockets are launched from the Earth it is true that they must be launched during a certain time and at a certain angle. A launch window refers to a time span that the spacecraft can be launched in order to rendezvous with something or be correctly positioned in orbit. The angle is equally important for if it is too steep, the spacecraft will end up in a very elliptical orbit and not the desired circular orbit. If the angle is too shallow, the craft will not be able to escape the Earth's gravity and will plunge back to the ground.

The same applies for reentry. If the angle is too shallow the spacecraft will skip off the Earth's atmosphere, but if it's too steep, it will certainly burn up.

When old satellites reenter the atmosphere, they burn up rapidly. Any explosion effect would be from the object breaking apart or most likely from sonic booms. The sound itself would not last long, but it could be loud enough to shatter windows. The satellite would be travelling at well over 20,000 mph and would easily be seen over many states. The sight would be incredible. Different metals would burn in different colors and a flame and smoke trail might be discerned. Several pieces might even break apart, but they would keep moving in the same trajectory. The object would most likely burn up completely or, as in the case of the Soviet satellite, the more solid pieces would impact into the Earth. But don't worry, chances of one hitting someone are about a trillion to one!

Thanks for the letter, and keep looking up-you never know what you might see.

If you have any questions about watching the sky, please write to:

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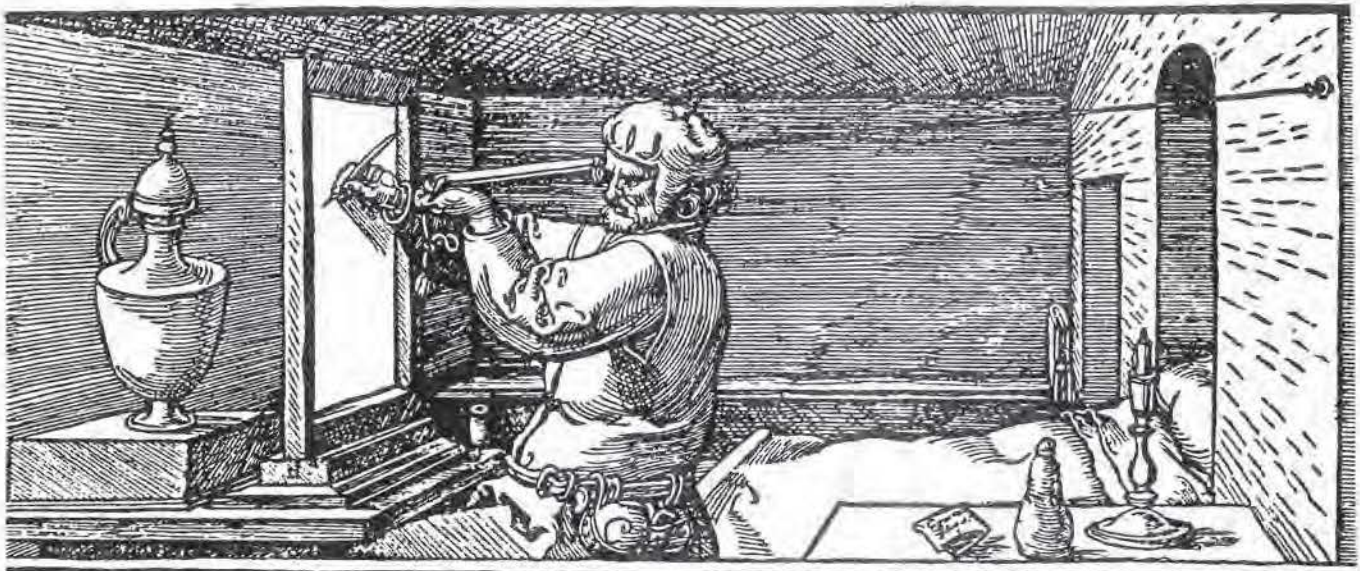
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